

composition as in Claims 70-72, Group II. Accordingly, Claims 69 and 66-68 are related as a article of manufacture (kit) and methods of using same, respectively, which Applicants respectfully submit are appropriate for examination together according the Patent Office guidelines.

Moreover, Applicants submit that examination of Claims 66-69 would not pose an undue burden on the Examiner. Section 803 of The Manual of Patent Examining Procedure states that “[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.”

Applicants therefore respectfully request examination of Claim 69 with Claims 66-68 of Group I.

Early consideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any suggestions to place the application in even better condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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